

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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# MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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# NEW SOUTH WALES. SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

## 1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1948.													
March ...	144	90	21	72	81	136	82	16	48	141	151	36	130
April ...	80	102	145	75	107	90	112	140	126	92	40	71	76
May ...	145	138	120	129	133	117	123	102	109	123	117	186	129
June ...	202	204	102	214	171	168	171	111	134	363	194	156	293
July ...	79	23	33	28	43	73	19	35	36	20	29	17	23
August ...	53	68	50	70	58	50	67	52	56	58	41	14	48
September ...	131	113	70	72	100	129	91	72	84	167	185	40	155
October ...	27	40	119	55	64	26	49	110	84	6	20	81	19
November ...	81	65	98	49	79	74	61	102	88	96	46	60	78
December ...	96	71	126	106	100	111	79	123	110	63	72	98	70
1949.													
January ...	95	83	55	41	73	111	78	52	66	83	147	126	105
February ...	224	174	114	181	170	225	167	112	140	115	222	138	145
March ...	99	147	227	388	186	64	152	248	200	161	165	145	160
April ...	91	82	51	85	75	118	72	56	68	79	79	37	74

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

## 2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 422,260,000 lb. in 1947-48, compared with 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47 and an average of 492,436,000 lb. in the five seasons 1941-42 to 1945-46.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales was 37<sup>0</sup>d. per lb. in the year ended June, 1948, compared with 23<sup>6</sup>d. per lb. in 1946-47. Comparable average price (subject to revision) was 47<sup>0</sup>d. per lb. in Sept., 1948; 43<sup>5</sup>d. in Oct.; 48<sup>5</sup>d. in Nov.; 53<sup>0</sup>d. in Dec., 1948 and Jan., 1949; 54<sup>5</sup>d. in Feb.; 54<sup>5</sup>d. (nominal) in March; 44<sup>0</sup>d. in April.

### NEW SOUTH WALES WOOL SALES (EXCLUDING ALBURY).

Selling Centre.	Season.	Bales Received into Store during—		Sales at Auction during Nine Months ended 31st March.*			Bales in Store Unsold at end of Mar.†
		March.	Nine months ended 31st March.	Bales.		Amount Realised.	
				Greasy.	Scoured.		
		No.	No.	No.	No.	£	No.
Sydney ...	1946-47	23,087	802,426	612,395	54,484	19,831,417	144,025
	1947-48	38,706	754,769	561,690	63,285	30,179,075	158,707
	1948-49	14,926	862,737	526,076	53,704	35,489,762	289,476
Newcastle	1946-47	2,888	143,238	130,953	82	3,889,112	13,052
	1947-48	5,925	137,937	112,789	38	5,789,194	23,916
	1948-49	2,827	155,811	121,666	...	7,739,332	28,290
Goulburn	1946-47	288	41,789	33,529	...	1,145,594	8,270
	1947-48	663	45,385	31,052	...	1,673,547	14,644
	1948-49	167	52,372	31,745	...	2,176,686	20,795
Total ...	1946-47	26,263	987,453	776,877	54,566	24,866,123	165,347
	1947-48	45,294	938,091	705,531	63,323	37,641,816	197,267
	1948-49	17,920	1,070,920	679,487	53,704	45,405,780	338,561

\*Includes small quantities of wool bought-in by the Joint Organisation; sales from stocks held by J.O. are excluded.

†Excluding stocks held by J.O.



## 3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
Average—1934-35 to 1943-44 ...	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13.1
1944-45 ...	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6.0
1945-46 ...	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16.6
1946-47 ...	4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3.5
1947-48 ...	5,355,000	5,043,000	95,227,000	18.9
1948-49* ...	4,570,000	4,280,000	66,000,000	15.4

\*Preliminary estimate by Statistician, February, 1949.

## 4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
Thousand lb.							
July ...	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004	2,701
August ...	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833	3,435
September ...	7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025	4,623
October ...	10,107	8,626	8,483	7,557	4,446	6,464	7,309
November ...	13,128	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070	6,858	7,456
December ...	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,628	8,336
January ...	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	11,369	8,632
February ...	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	8,689	8,243
March ...	11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051	8,214	9,025
April ...	10,044	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,741	6,146	...
May ...	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	4,753	...
June ...	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	3,083	...
Year ...	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	76,066	...
Nine Months ended March .....	89,717	76,228	58,147	60,855	46,362	62,084	59,760

## 5. COAL PRODUCTION IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks. ‡	Last day of Period. (1949 dates.)	1942.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
First Period ended on ...	24th Jan.	22nd Jan.	20th Jan.	19th Jan.	1st Feb.	31st Jan.	29th Jan.	
First* ...	29th Jan.	731	625	640	519	859†	539	513
Second ...	26th Feb.	933	774	867	860	796	918	954
Third ...	26th Mar.	981	781	893	913	833	869	920
Fourth ...	23rd April	886	782	755	859	804	964	911§
Fifth ...	21st May	1,003	930	791	674	773	878	...
Sixth ...	18th June	965	866	914	906	990	883	...
Seventh ...	16th July	918	884	846	798	992	941	...
Eighth ...	13th Aug.	953	884	914	846	995	984	...
Ninth ...	10th Sept.	1,028	880	778	911	994	1,061	...
Tenth ...	8th Oct.	984	970	842	975	979	1,024	...
Eleventh ...	5th Nov.	973	870	759	1,017	1,092	696	...
Twelfth ...	3rd Dec.	965	891	869	976	1,130	1,134	...
Thirteenth ...	31st Dec.	886	906	308	932	446*	830*	...
Year ...		12,206	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,683	11,721	...
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...		56	180	523	756	959	1,255	...
Period of 16 weeks ended—	18th April.	15th April.	14th April.	13th April.	26th April.	24th April.	23rd April.	
Northern District ...	2,400	2,078	2,015	2,115	2,210	2,148	2,098	
Western District ...	478	436	516	486	553	504	623	
Southern District‡ ...	653	448	624	550	529	578	586	
Total (16 weeks)‡ ...	3,531	2,962	3,155	3,151	3,292	3,290	3,307§	
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above .....		29	145	195	259	380	392§	

\* Miners' mid-summer holidays were :—In 1st period—1942, Public holidays only; 1944 and 1945, one week; 1946, two weeks; 1948, one week; 1949, two weeks; and in 13th period—1947, two weeks; 1948, one week. † Four-weekly periods changed.

‡ The four-weekly periods Southern District ended a week later than in other districts in years 1942 to 1947.

§ Preliminary.

## SECTION B.—BUILDING INDUSTRY.

## 6. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

*Private building* figures relate in years marked (a) to permits issued by local councils of Sydney and Suburbs, 129 country towns and 7 extra-metropolitan Shires; and in periods marked (b) to permits issued by all local councils.

*Government building* figures relate to contracts let and works authorised or commenced by Commonwealth, State or local authorities.

Period.	Metropolis.			Remainder of State (a) and (b).			Total, New South Wales.		
	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.
Year.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 (a)	11,718	894	12,612	4,887	2,672	7,559	16,605	3,566	20,171
1941 (a)	10,847	1,725	12,572	4,758	2,904	7,662	15,605	4,629	20,234
1942 (a)	1,446	1,371	2,817	1,079	3,932	5,011	2,525	5,303	7,828
1943 (a)	1,361	3,109	4,470	508	1,574	2,082	1,869	4,683	6,552
1944 (a)	1,603	1,606	3,209	869	2,304	3,173	2,472	3,910	6,382
1945 (a)	5,271	3,662	8,933	4,630	1,638	6,268	9,901	5,300	15,201
1946 (a)	18,070	3,794	21,864	13,506	2,651	16,157	31,576	6,445	38,021
1947 (a)	20,252	4,299	24,551	16,596	3,023	19,619	36,848	7,322	44,170
1947 (b)	20,252	4,299	24,551	21,565	3,023	24,588	41,817	7,322	49,139
1948 (b)	22,595	6,244	28,839	26,848	5,099	31,947	49,443	11,343	60,786
Month (b)									
1948 — Jan.	1,297	274	1,571	1,529	216	1,745	2,826	490	3,316
Feb.	1,499	379	1,878	1,893	367	2,260	3,392	746	4,138
Mar.	1,970	450	2,420	1,940	495	2,435	3,910	945	4,855
1949 — Jan.	1,861	532	2,393	1,845	80	1,925	3,706	612	4,318
Feb.	1,923	282	2,205	2,282	364	2,646	4,205	646	4,851
Mar.	2,640	869	3,509	2,951	974	3,925	5,591	1,843	7,434

(a) and (b) see notes above table.

## 7. PRIVATE BUILDING, PERMITS ISSUED BY COUNCILS, N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.					Remainder of State (a) and (b)	Total, New South Wales.
	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.	Metropolis.	Balance of Cumberland.	Total.		
Year.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939 (a)	1,886	10,334	12,220	1,360	13,580	4,002	17,582
1940 (a)	1,534	10,184	11,718	1,417	13,135	3,470	16,605
1941 (a)	552	10,295	10,847	1,488	12,335	3,270	15,605
1942 (a)	271	1,175	1,446	199	1,645	880	2,525
1943 (a)	249	1,112	1,361	139	1,500	369	1,869
1944 (a)	332	1,271	1,603	353	1,956	516	2,472
1945 (a)	264	5,007	5,271	2,677	7,948	1,953	9,901
1946 (a)	1,213	16,857	18,070	6,830	24,900	6,676	31,576
1947 (a)	1,315	18,937	20,252	7,944	28,196	8,652	36,848
1947 (b)	1,315	18,937	20,252	7,944	28,196	13,621	41,817
1948 (b)	1,228	21,367	22,595	10,745	33,340	16,103	49,443
Month (b)							
1948 — Jan.	34	1,263	1,297	613	1,910	916	2,826
Feb.	79	1,420	1,499	754	2,253	1,139	3,392
Mar.	135	1,835	1,970	728	2,698	1,212	3,910
1949 — Jan.	*	*	1,861	665	2,526	1,180	3,706
Feb.	*	*	1,923	802	2,725	1,480	4,205
Mar.	*	*	2,640	1,089	3,729	1,862	5,591

(a) and (b) see notes above Table 6.

\* Not available separately.

# 8. PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF BUILDING—PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT—N.S.W.— ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Period.	Houses.	Flats (inc. conversions)	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops with Dwellings.	Shops only.	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<i>Metropolis.</i>								
Year, 1946 ...	14,387	681	200	111	501	3,942	2,042	21,864
" 1947 ...	16,523	1,373	167	163	184	3,471	2,670	24,551
" 1948 ...	19,882	1,774	86	271	180	3,676	2,970	28,839
<i>Months</i>								
1948—January .....	983	183	1	12	4	229	159	1,571
February .....	1,310	134	1	10	4	237	182	1,878
March .....	1,666	120	...	63	6	378	187	2,420
1949—January .....	1,558	64	...	14	7	242	508	2,393
February .....	1,833	145	...	12	13	124	78	2,205
March .....	2,180	246	1	43	19	632	388	3,509
<i>Remainder of State.</i>								
Year, 1946 (a) ...	12,606	170	231	243	231	638	2,038	16,157
" 1947 (a) ...	16,127	247	292	224	310	738	1,681	19,619
" 1947 (b) ...	20,516	300	313	306	386	849	1,918	24,588
" 1948 (b) ...	26,337	493	161	296	175	1,748	2,737	31,947
<i>Months (b)</i>								
1948—January .....	1,496	25	1	23	18	55	127	1,745
February .....	1,938	34	21	29	3	37	198	2,260
March .....	1,945	60	1	5	12	61	351	2,435
1949—January .....	1,728	23	4	5	9	58	98	1,925
February .....	2,252	36	12	25	51	52	218	2,646
March .....	2,876	41	7	18	11	288	684	3,925
<i>Total, New South Wales.</i>								
Year, 1946 (a) ...	26,993	851	431	354	732	4,580	4,080	38,021
" 1947 (a) ...	32,650	1,620	459	387	494	4,209	4,351	44,170
" 1947 (b) ...	37,039	1,673	480	469	570	4,320	4,588	49,139
" 1948 (b) ...	46,219	2,267	247	567	355	5,424	5,707	60,786
<i>Months (b)</i>								
1948—January .....	2,479	208	2	35	22	284	286	3,316
February .....	3,248	168	22	39	7	274	380	4,138
March .....	3,611	180	1	68	18	439	538	4,855
1949—January .....	3,286	87	4	19	16	300	606	4,318
February .....	4,085	181	12	37	64	176	296	4,851
March .....	5,056	287	8	61	30	920	1,072	7,434

(a) and (b) see notes above Table 6.

# 9. DWELLINGS IN HOUSES AND FLATS—AUTHORISED, COMMENCED, COMPLETED.

(Private and Government, including owner-built houses, but excluding some new houses on farms and military huts converted into temporary dwellings.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.
<i>No.</i>						
1946—Sept. Qtr. ...	5,002	2,600*	1,650*	7,529	4,705	2,719
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,229	2,675*	2,150*	6,482	4,208	3,437
1947—March Qtr. ...	4,081	2,590	1,603	6,660	4,454	2,774
June Qtr. ...	4,699	2,996	2,061	7,644	5,016	3,414
Sept. Qtr. ...	5,006	3,259	2,328	7,972	5,204	3,620
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,156	3,045	2,236	6,973	4,911	3,748
Year 1947 ...	17,942	11,890	8,228	29,249	19,585	13,556
1948—March Qtr. ...	3,876	3,124	2,115	6,499	4,772	3,640
June Qtr. ...	5,025	3,832	2,613	8,232	6,013	4,407
Sept. Qtr. ...	4,616	3,952	2,897	7,782	6,219	4,571
Dec. Qtr. ...	5,309	3,308	3,453	8,470	5,393	5,423
Year 1948 ...	18,826	14,216	11,078	30,983	22,397	18,041

\* Exclusive of flats.

"Authorised" means permits issued for private dwellings plus contracts let for Governmental dwellings.

At end of December, 1948, there were 22,445 dwellings in houses and flats "remaining uncompleted" in N.S.W.

## SECTION C.—TRADE.

## 10. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.  
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
Million £.									
Year.	200'29	238'65	240'54	251'40	251'74	299'76	347'46	418'98	...
January ...	13'24	18'69	17'18	18'01	18'62	17'62	21'70	25'22	32'21
February ...	16'54	19'39	21'60	20'48	21'48	21'72	26'28	30'33	39'63
March ...	15'78	19'53	19'44	18'00	21'75	22'33	24'22	33'20	...
April ...	15'79	19'19	21'88	21'68	20'81	26'88	27'32	33'82	...
May ...	17'46	20'72	19'56	21'45	22'24	25'21	30'33	35'61	...
June ...	14'88	18'93	20'91	20'67	19'40	23'58	27'08	34'69	...
July ...	15'28	19'17	19'81	20'87	22'01	25'74	27'82	35'28	...
August ...	16'81	20'86	18'75	23'82	20'22	28'74	32'11	39'71	...
September ...	19'44	19'59	19'93	21'46	23'72	28'97	32'00	39'15	...
October ...	19'22	22'06	20'80	21'82	22'36	26'56	30'89	37'48	...
November ...	17'53	19'54	21'07	20'30	39'13	24'65	32'66	39'41	...
December ...	18'32	20'98	19'61	22'84		27'76	34'15	35'08	...

## 11. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year.								
1939 ... ..	303	303	+ 2'4	+ 2'0	+ 2'6	+ 0'9		
1940 ... ..	303	305	+ 6'3	+ 17'0	+ 4'0	+ 1'9		
1941 ... ..	305	304	+ 14'6	+ 8'0	+ 9'0	+ 4'0		
1942 ... ..	304	303	— 5'3	+ 9'2	— 5'1	— 8'4		
1943 ... ..	303	306	— 11'3	— 6'8	— 9'7	— 17'6		
1944 ... ..	306	302	+ 3'2	— 0'2	— 4'6	+ 1'4		
1945 ... ..	302	301	+ 15'8	+ 11'1	+ 6'7	+ 5'0		
1946 ... ..	301	302	+ 32'2	+ 3'8	+ 28'0	+ 20'0		
1947 ... ..	302	302	+ 18'7	+ 32'5	+ 21'5	+ 8'6		
1948 ... ..	302	303	+ 16'3	+ 20'6	+ 20'6	+ 6'0		
1948.								
February ... ..	24	24	+ 15'0	+ 23'5	+ 25'0	+ 8'6	+ 19'1	+ 21'3
March ... ..	26	24	+ 19'6	+ 29'8	+ 16'0	+ 7'0	+ 19'5	+ 19'1
April ... ..	22	25	+ 35'2	+ 29'4	+ 22'9	+ 8'4	+ 24'0	+ 21'1
May ... ..	27	26	+ 11'9	+ 26'4	+ 20'3	+ 8'4	+ 21'8	+ 19'7
June ... ..	24	25	+ 9'7	+ 26'6	+ 23'5	+ 7'2	+ 18'5	+ 22'2
July ... ..	27	27	+ 30'4	+ 19'0	+ 19'8	+ 5'7	+ 16'4	+ 21'1
August ... ..	26	26	+ 19'3	+ 17'1	+ 23'8	+ 5'8	+ 19'1	+ 22'3
September ... ..	26	26	+ 1'9	+ 17'3	+ 19'6	+ 3'9	+ 15'6	+ 21'1
October ... ..	26	25	+ 4'2	+ 15'6	+ 16'7	+ 3'3	+ 8'3	+ 20'0
November ... ..	25	26	+ 19'8	+ 13'6	+ 20'9	+ 5'7	+ 8'2	+ 19'1
December ... ..	24	24	+ 15'5	+ 11'9	+ 22'5	+ 2'8	+ 13'1	+ 20'3
1949.								
January ... ..	25	23	+ 12'2	+ 11'1	+ 21'4	+ 2'3	+ 16'0	+ 21'7
February ... ..	24	24	+ 16'1	+ 7'7	+ 18'7	+ 2'9	+ 14'7	+ 21'0

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 28.

## SECTION D.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

### 12. RAILWAYS.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of March.			Nine Months ended 31st March.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1947 ...	2,637,257	2,141,747	495,510	22,953,375	18,588,049	4,365,326
1948 ...	3,266,894	2,492,757	774,137	27,195,335	22,228,061	4,967,274
1949 ...	3,445,859	3,030,855	415,004	29,607,162	25,734,403	3,872,759

\* Excluding capital charges, such as interest, exchange, etc.

† Excluding Government contribution, £800,000 annually, for developmental lines.

	Month of March.		Nine Months ended 31st March.	
	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1947 ...	1,332	23,177	12,463	194,300
1948 ...	1,476	23,428	12,993	196,644
1949 ...	1,514	21,910	12,986	196,168

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

### 13. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

#### SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.					NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.			Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.	Earnings.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.
	Tram.	'Bus.	Total.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Month of March—								
1947 ...	355,800	122,200	478,000	486,300	(-) 8,300	51,000	52,100	(-) 200
1948 ...	441,400	210,400	651,800	659,900	(-) 8,100	64,300	65,100	(-) 800
1949 ...	444,200	283,400	727,600	633,900	93,700	77,700	66,900	10,800
Nine Months ended 31st March—								
1947 ...	3,050,000	1,066,700	4,116,700	4,132,400	(-) 15,700	444,600	441,300	3,300
1948 ...	3,792,500	1,557,000	5,349,500	5,239,100	110,400	559,600	531,200	8,400
1949 ...	3,593,000	2,227,100	5,820,100	5,594,200	225,900	635,900	612,000	23,900

\* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £634,816 in year 1947-48.

Fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased from 1st July, 1947 and 29th November, 1948.



## 14. MOTOR VEHICLES.

## NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1945.	1948.		1949.		
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st August.	31st March.	30th September.	31st January.	28th February.	31st March.
Cars ...	216,633	169,916	185,665	208,854	220,057	226,618	228,014	230,099
Lorries, Utilities and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	84,257	124,383	131,085	135,364	135,932	137,267
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,366	1,787	3,061	3,712	4,056	4,121	4,226
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	10,538	12,319	22,278	24,900	26,825	27,436	27,911
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	4,076	6,440	6,738	6,947	6,942	7,108
Omnibuses‡ ...	794	890	1,039	1,380	1,480	1,543	1,541	1,558
Taxi-cabs‡ ...	1,331	1,352	1,351	1,613	1,640	1,647	1,648	1,647
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	662	1,331	1,581	1,623	1,643	1,690
Trailers ...	6,538	6,965	9,187	17,886	18,928	20,624	20,835	21,006
Total ...	329,219	267,768	300,343	387,226	410,121	425,247	428,112	432,512

## MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Ex-Service Vehicles are not included.)

Period.	Number of New Vehicles Registered.							
	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Tractors. †	Cycles.	Omnibuses. ‡	Taxi-cabs. ‡	Trailers.	Total.
Monthly Average—								
1937-1939 ...	1,748	721	15	191	12	47	99	2,833
1942-1945 ...	36	179	13	13	4	2	73	320
1946 ...	320	404	25	170	4	...	204	1,127
1947 ...	1,018	633	31	265	23	5	250	2,225
1948 ...	1,800	846	60	523	29	16	266	3,540
Month—								
1948—March ...	1,398	690	55	518	24	16	221	2,922
June ...	1,852	912	68	418	28	19	150	3,447
September ...	2,253	1,099	77	520	53	15	232	4,249
October ...	2,096	936	68	548	34	27	245	3,954
November... 1,795	1,795	975	72	669	50	21	309	3,891
December... 1,783	1,783	996	49	701	31	16	602	4,268
1949—January... 1,237	1,237	617	55	495	12	14	420	2,850
February... 1,702	1,702	683	53	737	24	8	238	3,445
March ... 2,423	2,423	1,207	82	797	17	19	228	4,773

\* We t wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

## 15. WIRELESS LICENSES.

## BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

End of Month.	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ...	423,649	570,080	608,306	699,023	712,718
February ...	427,211	570,952	606,880	702,658	717,648
March ...	427,964	573,205	616,114	702,890	721,625
April ...	428,848	576,218	618,385	710,944	...
May ...	431,149	575,144	663,518	693,550	...
June ...	433,029	575,864	679,505	699,259	...
July ...	433,972	580,747	686,633	703,745	...
August ...	431,029	583,172	691,944	703,963	...
September ...	432,795	585,985	698,312	704,106	...
October ...	435,573	588,321	698,539	705,866	...
November ...	440,335	591,001	698,416	712,152	...
December... 441,934	441,934	598,643	703,577	710,542	...

## SECTION E.—FINANCIAL.

## 16. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH.

Revenue.	1948.	1949.	Expenditure.	1948.	1949.
<b>Taxes—</b>	million £.		<b>Social Services*—</b>	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	86·71	93·87	Invalid, Age Pensions ...	27·12	29·76
Sales ...	25·48	28·95	Widows' Pensions ...	2·94	3·26
Income and Social Services ...	133·12	143·81	Child Endowment ...	14·58	17·49
Payroll ...	12·06	14·52	Hospital Benefits ...	3·18	4·11
Estate ...	3·16	3·28	Other ...	3·23	3·30
Entertainments ...	3·83	3·89	Payments to States ...	15·44	17·84
Other ...	2·25	1·60	Tax Reimbursed to States ...	26·64	32·07
<b>Total Taxes ...</b>	<b>266·61</b>	<b>289·92</b>	Post Office ...	21·15	26·41
Post Office ...	23·27	24·57	Other ...	68·23	95·17
Other ...	16·93	42·26	Defence and Post-War ...	119·51	141·46
<b>Total Revenue ...</b>	<b>306·81</b>	<b>356·75</b>	<b>Total Expenditure ...</b>	<b>302·02</b>	<b>370·87</b>

\* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than Defence and Post-War which is included above) in the nine months ended March consisted of advances to States for Housing, £8,570,000 in 1948, and £10,222,000 in 1949.

## 17. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH.

Revenue.	1948.	1949.	Expenditure.	1948.	1949.
	£000	£000		£000	£000
<b>From Commonwealth—</b>			<b>Interest, Exchange and Sink-</b>		
Towards Interest ...	2,188	2,188	ing Fund ...	12,389	13,079
Reimbursement of Taxes ...	11,128	13,212	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	884	935	Activities ...	1,387	1,416
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	5,245	6,048	<b>Net Debt Charges ...</b>	<b>11,002</b>	<b>11,663</b>
Other Taxes ...	1,165	1,484	<b>Other than Debt Charges—</b>		
Land ...	1,544	1,853	Governmental ...	22,824	25,682
Services ...	1,284	1,479	Business Undertakings ...	28,967	32,796
Other ...	3,163	3,785			
<b>Total Governmental</b>	<b>26,601</b>	<b>30,984</b>			
<b>Business Undertakings ...</b>	<b>34,146</b>	<b>37,389</b>			
<b>Total Revenue ...</b>	<b>60,747</b>	<b>68,373</b>	<b>Total Expenditure ...</b>	<b>62,793</b>	<b>70,141</b>

Loan expenditure on works and services during the nine months ended March was gross £13,286,000 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £12,880,000 in 1949, compared with gross £10,813,000 and net £9,905,000 in 1948.

## 18. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets *in Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances, etc.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318·0	28·6	23·9	22·1	.....	291·7
1940 " ...	345·4	31·1	38·3	43·7	.....	289·9
1941 " ...	360·0	33·3	36·1	61·9	.....	283·7
1942 " ...	387·9	40·4	39·6	56·3	36·4	268·3
1943 " ...	453·5	33·4	50·8	75·7	102·9	246·0
1944 " ...	534·5	38·0	55·4	89·1	182·8	221·8
1945 " ...	582·5	36·5	46·5	104·3	241·8	207·9
1946 " ...	627·1	32·3	40·0	122·7	258·5	224·3
1947 " ...	648·3	34·4	13·8	80·6	275·4	289·7
1948 " ...	716·8	45·6	19·1	59·5	293·0	348·8
1947—December	668·6	43·5	11·4	61·8	259·5	335·9
1948—January...	673·2	45·5	16·9	59·9	264·1	336·7
February	686·6	43·5	21·4	59·1	269·4	337·2
March ...	705·6	49·4	26·4	59·1	275·2	333·7
1948—December	788·6	50·3	30·0	61·2	304·6	371·5
1949—January†	791·1†	53·8	32·0	61·3	321·1	363·2†
February	813·3	51·4	32·1	62·0	344·1	363·2
March ...	826·0	47·7	28·4	64·9	365·1	360·0

\* Excluding London Funds.

† Both deposits and advances were reduced by approx. £9 m., in January, 1949, owing to technical change in method of compilation by certain banks.

## 19. TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES—N.S.W. AND AUSTRALIA.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 18 relates, the Commonwealth Bank, Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.		Nine Trading Banks—N.S.W.				All Trading Banks.			
		Deposits.			Advances, etc.	New South Wales.		Australia.	
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		Deposits.	Advances, etc.	Deposits.	Advances, etc.
million £.									
1946—June	...	163·1	74·1	237·2	90·6	}	*	}	*
1947—June	...	174·6	69·7	244·3	116·5				
1948—June	...	197·5	67·9	265·4	142·9				
October	...	207·0	71·1	278·1	150·7				
November	...	214·6	71·2	285·8	151·0	329·5	201·5	828·8	455·5
December	...	223·8	73·1	296·9	149·7	337·9	202·5	852·6	458·6
1949—January†	...	223·6	73·9	297·5	139·9	351·2	202·3	880·0	458·6
February	...	227·5	73·7	301·2	139·9	353·7	194·1	885·5	453·5
March	...	230·8	73·0	303·8	140·9	358·3	195·7	909·9	454·9
					138·6	360·3	194·2	922·9	455·3

\* Comparable figures for "All Trading Banks" are not available prior to October, 1948.

† Not strictly comparable with December, 1948, and previous months. See note † Table 18.

## 20. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).\*

As at 30th June.	Amount of Deposits.†	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.				
			1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1937 ...	81,952	January	181,801	224,705	230,924	231,430	238,564
1938 ...	86,016	February	184,725	228,711	230,544	232,182	240,000
1939 ...	87,474	March	187,894	230,420	229,665	232,712	240,282
1940 ...	82,111	April ...	189,566	230,920	229,328	232,788	...
1941 ...	87,750	May ...	192,884	232,221	228,549	233,034	...
1942 ...	94,538	June†	198,203	236,242	231,368	236,964	...
1943 ...	122,405	July ...	200,932	237,305	231,530	237,265	...
1944 ...	162,867	August ...	204,794	236,985	231,070	236,910	...
1945 ...	198,203	September	207,520	235,806	232,654	237,246	...
1946 ...	236,242	October	209,906	234,804	232,568	237,831	...
1947 ...	231,368	November	214,806	233,006	231,775	238,031	...
1948 ...	236,964	December	219,560	231,311	231,250	237,924	...

\* Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

† Including accrued interest.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £27,189,375 at 31st March, 1949. The issue of savings certificates ceased on 31st January, 1949.

## 21. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1939.	1944.	1945	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.2	171.3	191.4	98	150	152	154	196	236	282
February ...	75.5	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	182.0	213.2	96	147	149	157	194	231	274
March ...	80.5	130.1	123.4	144.1	170.0	196.4	238.0	93	146	145	164	193	230	267*
April ...	70.7	108.4	126.2	138.9	181.8	205.9	244.7	98	150	154	176	218	253	300
May ...	82.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	186.4	233.1	...	100	158	160	184	229	269	...
June ...	80.3	140.1	136.0	159.2	176.9	230.1	...	101	166	169	195	236	289	...
July ...	71.2	122.9	129.7	174.9	183.5	230.3	...	98	168	167	206	229	291	...
August ...	74.9	127.4	121.0	157.3	162.4	199.3	...	99	169	168	214	227	287	...
September ...	74.9	120.9	123.4	159.4	177.0	229.7	...	99	163	166	217	232	293	...
October ...	78.0	123.7	140.4	182.2	197.3	238.2	...	100	159	166	216	234	291	...
November ...	86.1	126.3	129.7	164.1	203.8	237.2	...	102	153	164	211	243	298	...
December ...	91.7	127.6	121.7	165.6	192.2	246.5	...	106	152	159	208	243	296	...
Year ...	932.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	2123.7	2600.0	...	100	156	160	196	226	277	...

\* Revised.

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

## 22. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

Period.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	
		£		£	£
1939—Year ... ..	50,520	18,179,537	156,787	7,539,660	25,719,197
1944 „ ... ..	51,278	21,037,984	110,560	7,062,191	28,100,175
1945 „ ... ..	53,927	23,998,758	109,862	7,512,997	31,511,755
1946 „ ... ..	81,677	38,077,853	128,266	9,803,114	47,880,967
1947 „ ... ..	96,661	43,592,919	115,892	10,475,719	54,068,638
1948 „ ... ..	96,519	47,449,337	114,482	11,069,677	58,519,014
1948—February ...	5,915	2,809,260	9,819	969,042	3,778,302
November ...	7,804	3,654,829	10,546	1,029,206	4,684,035
December ...	10,948	6,451,603	5,345	528,959	6,980,562
1949—January ...	3,696	2,020,319	4,981	499,753	2,520,072
February ...	5,363	2,893,143	9,439	936,424	3,829,567

The operations of the Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. are included above.

## 23. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
1947—Year ... ..	2,799,175	788,685	1,452,174	5,040,034
1948 „ ... ..	5,828,463	861,255	2,539,578	9,229,296
1948—February ...	345,122	63,915	223,013	632,050
November ...	1,113,661	73,716	178,306	1,365,683
December ...	579,944	74,294	356,242	1,010,480
1949—January ...	437,977	49,088	124,812	610,977
February ...	644,275	68,154	195,348	907,777

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

## 24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
1929—April \$	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
1931—Sept. \$	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
1937—Mar. \$	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1945—Sept. ...	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1948—April ...	350.9	308.6	178.0	176.1	399.7	261.8	272.3
July ...	363.4	322.1	175.0	185.2	409.2	267.6	280.0
Aug. ...	361.4	319.9	172.8	183.7	414.9	266.0	277.6
Sept. ...	359.6	316.0	173.1	184.5	414.6	264.2	276.1
Oct. ...	354.9	315.2	173.5	180.2	419.1	262.3	273.0
Nov. ...	355.0	312.0	172.5	183.0	424.3	262.4	272.9
Dec. ...	351.7	301.0	172.6	180.6	431.0	259.4	268.2
1949—Jan. ...	354.8	295.7	172.5	182.2	438.5	259.5	269.7
Feb. ...	352.1	294.8	167.6	184.1	448.7	258.3	266.9
Mar. ...	345.1	288.3	165.2	180.6	464.1	254.6	262.2
April ...	338.8	286.9	160.7	171.0	466.5	250.7	255.8

\* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. \$ The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.



## 25. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. *		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities. †		Trading Banks—Rates on Fixed Deposits.			
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short-dated.	Long-dated.	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months. ‡
Average for year—			Under 5 years (a).	10 years and over (a).				
1938 ... ..	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'76	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1939 ... ..	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'92	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1940 ... ..	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'30	1'58	2'08	2'33	2'58
1941 ... ..	5'5	4'9	2 years (b).	12 years (b).				
1942 ... ..	5'4	4'9	2'47	3'23	1'50	1'92	2'17	2'42
1943 ... ..	5'0	4'7	2'45	3'24	1'29	1'54	1'79	2'04
1944 ... ..	5'0	4'4	2'48	3'23	1'25	1'50	1'75	2'00
1945 ... ..	5'8	4'4	2'45	3'24	0'79	1'04	1'40	1'90
1946 ... ..	4'5	4'4	2'47	3'25	0'50	0'75	1'23	1'73‡
1947 ... ..	4'4	4'3	1'90	3'24	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1948 ... ..	4'4	4'3	2'12	3'17	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
Months—	4'4	4'3	2'27	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1948—March ...	4'4	4'3	2'40	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
June ... ..	4'4	4'3	2'34	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
September ...	4'4	4'3	2'13	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
October ... ..	4'4	4'3	1'70	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
November ...	4'4	4'3	2'10	3'13	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
December ...	4'4	4'3	2'25	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1949—January ...	4'4	4'3	2'25	3'14	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
February ...	4'4	4'3	2'35	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
March ... ..	4'4	4'3	2'40	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50

\* Weighted average rate of interest. Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month. Interest on securities is subject to Commonwealth Income Tax (a) at rates not exceeding those in 1930, (b) at current rates.

‡ From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1'50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent.

## 26. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
	Thousand £.											
January ... ..	2,449	1,786	2,246	4,576	4,895	4,749	1,591	608	1,268	1,858	3,671	2,109
February ... ..	2,438	1,999	2,357	4,729	4,825	4,475	1,841	593	1,179	2,031	2,400	2,838
March ... ..	3,623	2,059	2,726	4,395	4,640	6,242	2,225	688	1,047	2,005	2,441	3,477
April ... ..	2,245	1,663	3,832	3,593	5,244	5,193	2,025	526	1,431	1,674	2,551	2,529
May ... ..	3,090	2,204	4,697	4,763	5,137	...	2,112	606	1,641	2,290	2,266	...
June ... ..	2,613	2,373	3,593	4,617	4,911	...	1,658	864	1,708	2,070	3,550	...
July ... ..	2,910	2,726	4,005	5,335	4,617	...	1,950	902	1,622	2,484	2,244	...
August ... ..	3,068	2,238	5,670	5,346	5,137	...	2,770	861	2,352	2,085	2,307	...
September ...	2,934	2,684	6,440	4,988	4,842	...	1,513	1,005	2,328	2,378	2,338	...
October ... ..	2,330	3,260	5,826	4,843	4,904	...	1,713	1,128	2,161	2,641	2,560	...
November ...	2,381	3,106	5,180	4,978	5,514	...	1,702	1,072	2,163	2,238	2,718	...
December ...	2,067	2,195	4,105	5,061	4,796	...	1,344	899	2,473	2,220	2,417	...
Year ... ..	32,157	28,293	50,677	57,224	59,462	...	22,444	9,752	21,373	25,992	31,463	...

\* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

## 27. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of April.			Four Months ended 30th April.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1947 ... ..	73,126	204,632	129,848	433,653	642,589	394,328
1948 ... ..	26,093	182,113	173,758	90,045	696,625	704,381
1949 ... ..	24,738	188,945	244,981	81,453	612,884	819,790

See note under Table 26.

\* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

## SECTION F.—GENERAL.

## 28. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (*e.g.* Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.)			Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental. (a)	Private. (b)	Total. (b)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (b)	Building and Con- struc- tion.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (c)
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103·2	277·4	380·6	18·1	94·5	55·1	65·0	78·4	59·0	44·2
1939—July ...	136·5	393·4	529·9	24·7	158·8	57·9	77·4	44·0	59·0	56·6
1941—July ...	141·5	406·2	547·7	26·0	202·1	54·0	76·8	41·6	43·6	49·3
1943—July ...	156·9	365·2	522·1	25·1	217·8	30·1	79·9	28·7	33·4	39·6
1944—July ...	152·2	372·0	524·2	24·4	217·6	28·2	82·3	28·5	34·0	42·6
1945—July ...	156·7	384·5	541·2	24·7	216·6	34·2	86·0	30·2	35·6	45·8
1946—July ...	169·8	455·6	625·4	25·7	239·7	45·1	97·3	42·1	51·2	57·0
1947—July ...	179·0	497·7	676·7	26·7	255·7	57·0	102·7	46·6	56·7	62·9
1948—Mar. ...	183·6	512·2	695·8	27·8	263·6	59·0	105·8	48·8	59·1	64·9
May ...	185·8	514·2	700·0	27·8	264·4	60·1	107·0	49·4	59·3	64·9
June ...	186·1	516·1	702·2	28·1	265·2	60·1	107·9	49·2	59·3	64·7
July ...	186·8	515·4	702·2	28·1	265·3	61·1	107·4	49·4	59·0	64·5
Aug. ...	187·3	516·5	703·8	28·0	265·3	61·6	107·3	49·6	59·4	64·6
Sept. ...	187·8	517·0	704·8	28·1	265·8	61·4	107·6	49·3	60·1	64·8
Oct. ...	188·0	516·7	704·7	26·4	265·3	61·9	108·3	49·4	60·5	64·8
Nov. ...	188·7	519·4	708·1	27·3	266·4	62·2	107·7	50·6	60·8	64·8
Dec. ...	189·9	520·4	710·3	27·6	265·8	61·5	108·3	52·6	61·1	65·0
1949—Jan. ...	190·5	521·8	712·3	26·9	268·4	62·4	108·5	50·6	61·4	65·3
Feb. ...	191·5	524·8	716·3	27·6	269·9	62·7	109·5	50·0	61·8	66·0
Mar. ...	191·4	526·0	717·4	27·5	270·2	63·2	110·0	49·9	61·7	66·2
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16·8	109·0	125·8	0·1	36·3	0·3	3·7	33·6	8·5	49·4
1939—July ...	19·4	148·6	168·0	0·1	59·3	0·5	4·2	36·0	8·5	49·1
1941—July ...	21·7	196·6	218·3	0·2	76·0	0·7	8·2	41·0	17·8	60·2
1943—July ...	46·1	207·7	253·8	0·2	94·6	0·7	12·9	38·5	20·6	65·9
1944—July ...	45·6	205·4	251·0	0·2	91·6	0·7	13·8	36·3	20·7	67·7
1945—July ...	43·4	203·3	246·7	0·2	85·7	0·7	14·5	37·5	21·1	69·6
1946—July ...	32·8	210·2	243·0	0·2	83·1	0·9	12·9	39·2	21·1	73·3
1947—July ...	32·3	220·6	252·9	0·2	86·8	1·0	12·8	40·9	22·3	77·1
1948—Mar. ...	33·4	226·7	260·1	0·2	90·2	1·0	13·5	42·7	23·6	79·0
May ...	33·6	227·1	260·7	0·2	89·8	1·1	13·6	42·9	23·5	79·6
June ...	33·6	228·3	261·9	0·2	90·2	1·1	13·9	43·0	23·8	79·6
July ...	33·4	229·3	262·7	0·2	91·1	1·1	13·8	42·8	24·5	79·2
Aug. ...	33·7	229·3	263·0	0·2	91·7	1·1	13·9	42·8	24·1	79·4
Sept. ...	33·7	232·0	265·7	0·2	92·6	1·1	13·9	43·1	24·5	80·4
Oct. ...	33·7	233·8	267·5	0·3	93·5	1·1	14·0	43·4	24·6	80·9
Nov. ...	33·9	235·8	269·7	0·3	93·9	1·1	14·0	44·8	24·8	81·0
Dec. ...	34·1	237·0	271·1	0·2	93·1	1·1	14·1	47·2	24·7	80·8
1949—Jan. ...	34·4	232·0	266·4	0·3	90·7	1·1	14·2	44·3	24·7	81·2
Feb. ...	35·0	233·0	268·0	0·3	92·2	1·2	14·3	43·8	25·0	81·3
Mar. ...	35·1	234·0	269·1	0·3	92·8	1·1	14·3	43·7	25·1	81·7
PERSONS. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120·0	386·4	506·4	18·2	130·8	55·4	68·7	112·0	67·5	93·6
1939—July ...	155·9	542·0	697·9	24·8	218·1	58·4	81·6	80·0	67·5	105·7
1941—July ...	163·2	602·8	766·0	26·2	278·1	54·7	85·0	82·6	61·4	109·5
1943—July ...	203·0	572·9	775·9	25·3	312·4	30·8	92·8	67·2	54·0	105·5
1944—July ...	197·8	577·4	775·2	24·6	309·2	28·9	96·1	64·8	54·7	110·3
1945—July ...	200·1	587·8	787·9	24·9	302·3	34·9	100·5	67·7	56·7	115·4
1946—July ...	202·6	665·8	868·4	25·9	322·8	46·0	110·2	81·3	72·3	130·3
1947—July ...	211·3	718·3	929·6	26·9	342·5	58·0	115·5	87·5	79·0	140·0
1948—Mar. ...	217·0	738·9	955·9	28·0	353·8	60·0	119·3	91·5	82·7	143·9
May ...	219·4	741·3	960·7	28·0	354·2	61·2	120·6	92·3	82·8	144·5
June ...	219·7	744·4	964·1	28·3	355·4	61·2	121·8	92·2	83·1	144·3
July ...	220·2	744·7	964·9	28·3	356·4	62·2	121·2	92·2	83·5	143·7
Aug. ...	221·0	745·8	966·8	28·2	357·0	62·7	121·2	92·4	83·5	144·0
Sept. ...	221·5	749·0	970·5	28·3	358·4	62·5	121·5	92·4	84·6	145·2
Oct. ...	221·7	750·5	972·2	26·7	358·8	63·0	122·3	92·8	85·1	145·7
Nov. ...	222·6	755·2	977·8	27·6	360·3	63·3	121·7	95·4	85·6	145·8
Dec. ...	224·0	757·4	981·4	27·8	358·9	62·6	122·4	99·8	85·8	145·8
1949—Jan. ...	224·9	753·8	978·7	27·2	359·1	63·5	122·7	94·9	86·1	146·5
Feb. ...	226·5	757·8	984·3	27·9	362·1	63·9	123·8	93·8	86·8	147·3
Mar. ...	226·5	760·0	986·5	27·8	363·0	64·3	124·3	93·6	86·8	147·9

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. From July, 1948, subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services.

## 29. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).  
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	164	155	173	165	170	198	218
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	159	161	174	181	201	208	227
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	164	165	171	185	199	212	231
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	164	162	172	189	198	218	...
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	166	172	178	192	198	203	...
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	174	176	176	197	208	214	...
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	171	177	184	195	212	199	...
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	181	181	177	195	212	214	...
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	171	172	180	201	214	223	...
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	162	169	174	203	211	216	...
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	164	171	179	200	214	226	...
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	163	169	123	180	214	222	...
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	167	170	172	191	204	213	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

## 30. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938 ...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ...	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ...	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945 ...	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946 ...	4	8.02	56	8 6	55	0 2	414	19 0	10	15 3
1947 ...	4	4.27	90	2 0	67	6 4	505	12 2	10	15 3
1948 ...	4	11.18	111	4 11	77	2 0	657	14 2	10	15 3
1947—June ...	3	11.75	94	3 0	64	16 4	523	12 10	10	15 3
July ...	3	8.90	93	1 5	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
August ...	3	9.40	92	3 0	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
September ...	4	1.07	93	14 7	65	4 7	521	14 3	10	15 3
October ...	4	4.96	93	15 2	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
November ...	4	8.56	92	3 11	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
December ...	4	8.56	93	9 0	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
1948—January ...	4	7.85	94	13 3	68	17 6	612	5 3	10	15 3
February ...	4	7.58	92	3 9	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
March ...	4	9.87	98	6 4	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
April ...	4	9.87	102	5 3	79	10 0	622	13 4	10	15 3
May ...	4	9.87	103	11 5	79	10 0	622	13 4	10	15 3
June ...	5	3.07	109	16 2	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
July ...	4	6.06	116	12 2	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
August ...	5	1.66	116	19 10	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
September ...	5	1.94	115	0 8	79	15 5	684	4 6	10	15 3
October ...	5	2.23	127	9 4	81	8 4	684	4 6	10	15 3
November ...	5	1.65	126	10 11	80	3 4	684	4 6	10	15 3
December ...	5	0.50	131	9 7	79	14 11	684	4 6	10	15 3
1949—January ...	4	9.61	140	1 8	119	15 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
February ...	4	10.76	140	2 10	119	13 5	683	16 5	10	15 3
March ...	4	10.76	133	16 8	119	9 2	683	16 5	10	15 3

## 31. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4.3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10.1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20.3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22.3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24.9
1944—June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22.5
1945—September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22.4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22.9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23.4
June... ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24.9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25.1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26.2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27.8
June ...	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28.0
September ...	1,109	1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30.5
December ...	1,139	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33.1
1948—March ...	1,192	1,046	1,674	1,247	1,270	36.1
June ...	1,235	1,046	1,748	1,267	1,305	39.9
September ...	1,279	1,047	1,811	1,279	1,337	43.3
December ...	1,326	1,047	1,831	1,279	1,359	45.7
1949—March ...	1,350	1,048	1,891	1,334	1,391	49.1

\* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

## 32. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kenbla.*				Crown Employees (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0†
1947 ...	108 0	110 0	110 0	112 0	107 0	108 0	109 0	111 0
1948 ...	114 0	116 0	120 0	122 0	113 0	115 0	118 0	121 0
1949 ...	124 0	127 0	...	...	123 0	126 0	...	...

\* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

POPULATION—Estimated, 30th June, 1948:—New South Wales, Males, 1,513,563; Females, 1,511,756; Persons, 3,025,319—39.4 per cent. of population of Australia. Sydney and Suburbs (Census 30th June, 1947), 1,484,004.

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